

Letter date = Feb, 1 2018

Dear Director Mouritsen:

I James E Harrigan Family/Friends hereby file this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") planned December 2017 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale and the programmatic Final Environmental Assessment for oil and gas leasing in the Wayne National Forest, Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Monroe and Noble Counties, Ohio -2 Parcels covering 345.49 acres.

ES-004

39.65 acres in Monroe County

EX-005

305.84 acres in Noble County

PROTEST

I. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests

This Protest is filed on behalf of:

James E Harrigan and Family of "MANY FRIENDS".

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II. Statement of Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful:

A.) The failure to comply with NEPA, National Environmental Policy Act.

B.) Failure to consider the impacts of global climate change that result from natural gas development with deforestation, and distruction of things that we are not even thinking about, or looking at in our region. BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below:

C.) Human health issue's.

D.) Social effects, including longer travel time to and from local area's.

E.) Animal life and habit distruction, along with endangered species.

F.) Air polution from the never ending truck traffic.

G.) Water polution from all or any toxic spills.

H.) Future generation containment for our region. This region will die.

- I.) The status of our Forest being a National Icon will no longer exist.**
- J.) Outdoor recreation, hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and foot trails will no longer exist.**
- K.) The Love of, along with the beauty, and wonders of nature, will be completely destroyed.**
- L.) No more scenic by-way for the South Eastern Valley of Ohio River.**
- M.) Pipeline explosion's, gas leak's with possible human fatalities.**
- N.) Forest fires from gas line explosion's.**
- O.) Unnecessary home evacuation's, for the elderly.**

Bottom line is the BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is that our "ONLY" National Forest in Ohio will be gone and forgotten by all future family and friends of this now beautiful Ohio valley.

Sincerely, Nature and National minded Ohio Valley Citizen.

James E Harrigan and family of friends.

Signed: James E. Harrigan